

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application. The Examiner rejected independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-5 as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112. The Examiner suggested language which would overcome the rejection of the dependent claim 1. Applicant has so amended claim 1 to overcome this indefiniteness rejection. Thus, the dependent claims, which all find basis in the newly-amended claim 1, are also definite.

Applicant notes the withdrawal of the previous anticipation rejection (in Office Action dated April 24, 2003) based on WO 98/10771. The Applicant would like to further note that the WO 98/10771 reference does not discuss or even mention the regulation of TGF- $\beta$ , nor do the previous applications (Serial Nos. 09/464,899, 08/713,834, 09/118,143 and 08/873,010) upon which the current application is based. In fact, WO 98/10771 is based upon those same applications which include no mention of regulation of TGF-  $\beta$ .

Applicant respectfully submits the pending claims 1-5. Please charge any fees associated with this Response to Deposit Account No. 18-1942.

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